



## Martha Louella Felknor Nichols Obituary

October 29, 1924 - November 1, 2012

Martha Louella Felknor Nichols, 88, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Thursday, November 1st at Greenfield Senior Living in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Mrs. Nichols was born on October 29th, 1924 to Edward M. and Love H. Felknor in Morristown. She spent her early years in the Fountain City area of Knoxville and was a graduate of Knoxville's Central High School. She attended the University of Tennessee where she was a member of Sigma Kappa Sorority and played french horn in the University of Tennessee Marching Band. While at UT she met her future husband Hugh Chandler Nichols. In 1945, they came to Oak Ridge to work in the plants. They married on Sept. 7th, 1946 and remained in Oak Ridge for their lifetimes.

Mrs. Nichols was very active in the community having served as Regent from 1953 to 1954 of the Clinch River Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution; as a member of the committee of the Guild of the Oak Ridge Civic Music Association which put together the calendar "Oak Ridge, The Way It Was, 1942 – 1992" as a fundraiser for the Oak Ridge Symphony Orchestra; and, Panhellenic. She was an avid golfer and won several tournaments at the Oak Ridge Country Club. She also enjoyed swimming at the Oak Ridge Civic Center with the group "Swimmin' Women." Mrs. Nichols had an inherent talent and lifelong love for making music. She taught private piano lessons in her home for many years. She frequently played the organ at various churches in Oak Ridge for weddings and other services. She was an active member of First Presbyterian Church for almost 70 years.

Mrs. Nichols was preceded in death by her husband and her brothers Edward and John Felknor.

Mrs. Nichols is survived by her son Hugh Chandler Nichols, Jr. and his wife Jackie of Oak Ridge; daughter, Susan N. Collins and her husband Tom of Jacksonville, Florida; granddaughters, Jennifer N. Dokos and her husband J.R. of Houston, Texas and Julie N. Walden and her husband Seth of Nashville, Tennessee; and many nieces and nephews. She recently took great delight in getting to meet her first great grandson Reid Chandler Dokos. Above all else, Mrs. Nichols reveled in the lives of her granddaughters and left many fond memories for the family to forever cherish.

The family will receive friends on Sunday evening, November 4th from 5 to 7 p.m. at

Martin Funeral Home in Oak Ridge. Graveside services will be held on Monday, November 5th at 1:00 p.m. at Shiloh Cemetery in Pigeon Forge. The Rev. Sharon Youngs, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Oak Ridge, will officiate. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in her memory to the First Presbyterian Church Parish Nursing Program, 1051 Oak Ridge Turnpike, Oak Ridge, TN 37830.

# Comments

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“ Susan, I remember your mother fondly as I do you. I am sad for you .

barbara kemper - OH - January 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Susan and Nick,

I was so sorry to read about your Mom's passing. She was a wonderful lady and I know my mom thought the world of her. I would have come to the funeral home but I was out of town.

My deepest sympathy to you both and to your families.

Saylor Bernhardt Hummel

Saylor Bernhardt Hummel - Oak Ridge, TN - Friend - November 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Hugh, Jackie, and family -- Ron and I were sorry to hear of your mom's passing. She and your dad were true Oak Ridge pioneers, helping to create a vibrant, exciting community in a time of great need and exciting possibilities. Bless them for their service -- and for the legacy they leave in you and your children and grandchildren.

Karen and Ron Bridgeman - Eatonton, GA - November 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ My mother (Martha Blevins) and I wish to express our deepest sympathy to the Nichols family. Not only was Martha a dear neighbor and friend of ours, but a piano teacher to me and I am thankful for the ability to play. Linda Jaffrey made it possible for Mom to visit with Martha recently and they both shared many wonderful memories living on Underwood. May God comfort you during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Martha Blevins and Martie Blevins Gray

Martie Blevins Gray - Roswell, GA - November 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Hugh & family--- I wish to offer my sincere condolences in the passing of your mother. While reading her obituary, I noticed that our parents were both married on 9/7/1946 and lived in Oak Ridge their entire married lives. I lost my mom in November of 2008 and I miss her greatly. My prayers will be for comfort in your loss, and remember we will be reunited with them again one day.

Cathie Sutton

**Cathie (Junkins) Sutton - Oak Ridge, TN - friend of Hugh** - November 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM